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HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.540

The above identified U.S. Patent was the subject of both a reissue examination filed January 18, 2000, and a reexamination proceeding filed April 24, 2000. These proceedings have been merged pursuant to a Decision, Sua Sponte, To Merge Reexamination And Reissue Proceedings dated November 28, 2000.

The Patentee hereby files this amendment to the claims under reexamination.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims in the reexamination to conform to the claims in the reissue as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-3 and claim 10.

Please amend claim 4 to read:

4. (Amended) [The apparatus of claim 1 wherein] An apparatus for injecting coiled tubing into a hole in the earth's surface comprising:

a frame having a front end and a back end;

a tubing storage spool removably mounted on said frame at said back end and having said coiled tubing stored thereon;

a mast pivotally mounted on said frame;

an injector reel rotatably mounted on said mast, said injector reel pivotable from a first stored position at said front end to a second tubing injection position, said second tubing injecting position positions said injector reel above said front end of said frame, and said coiled tubing exits said apparatus at an angle less than 90° to said surface;

a drive mechanism attached to said injector reel to rotate said injector reel; and

a hold down assembly mounted around a portion of the circumference of said injector reel for exerting a pressure against said coiled tubing over more than 90° of said injector reel when said injector reel is in said second operative position and said coiled tubing is directed between said hold down assembly and said circumference of said injector reel to provide positive engagement of said tubing by said injector reel when said injector reel is being rotated to pull said tubing off of said tubing storage spool or return said tubing to said tubing storage spool.

Please amend claims 5-9 to depend from amended independent claim 4.

Please leave claim 11 unchanged.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

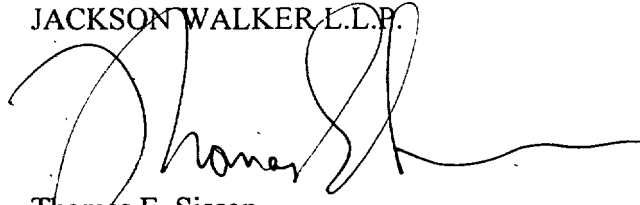
Please amend the specification on page 8, line 2, by changing "58" to read --59--.

REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to conform the claims and specification in the reexamination to be identical to those of the reissue application.

Respectfully submitted,

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